

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the thorough review of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12-15, 19 and 21-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,525,978 to Weber et al. ("Weber"). Claim 32 is allowed and Claims 3, 10-11, 16-18 and 20 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

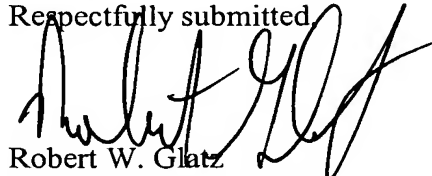
To expedite issuance of the present application as a patent the claims have been amended to place this case in a form indicated as allowable. Applicant does so without prejudice to the Applicant's right to file a continuation application and without agreement to the grounds of rejection advanced by the Office Action. Claim 2 has been amended to place it in independent form, including recitations previously found in Claims 1 and 3, which have been canceled. Claim 10 has been amended to independent form including necessary recitations from the claims on which it previously depended. Applicant notes that the recitations of Claim 7 have not been incorporated into amended Claim 10. Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate recitations previously found in Claim 16 and Claims 15 and 16 have been canceled. Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the recitations previously found in Claim 20 and Claim 20 has been canceled. Finally, Claims 27-31 have been canceled.

Applicant submits that these amendments place this case in form for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that, for the reasons discussed above, the reference cited in the present rejections does not disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the pending claims and passing this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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